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## NETHERLANDS DECLARES WAR ON INDONESIA

### Dutch Proclaim New Interim Government

The Hague, December 19.  
The Netherlands proclaimed a new interim Government for Indonesia yesterday.

The Dutch have contended that the Indonesian Republic in its part of Java and Sumatra is unable to maintain order, and has served notice that the Netherlands must retain a voice in the administration of Republican occupied territory until a stable Government has been established.

In Paris, a spokesman for the United States delegation said the United States may ask for a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Indonesian situation.

Washington despatches said the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Lovett, reviewed the latest developments with the U.S. State Department advisers.

The actual formation of the interim regime will not be possible until some time after January, the Dutch announcement said.

Some observers felt the date was left indefinite because the Dutch did not wish to shut the door on possible participation of the Republic, which controls one third of Indonesia.—Associated Press.

### Nationalists Regroup For Important Battle In Central China Area

Nanking, December 19.  
Nationalist troops are hastily regrouping for what may be the last important battle in the Central China struggle against the Communists.

Units under several generals are forming a line East and West below the Huai river, the last important natural defence barrier above the Yangtse. The line is only about 60 miles from Nanking.

How many troops can be assembled to make this vital stand is not disclosed but it is believed that practically all available men North of the Yangtse have been called upon.

These are understood to include many without battle experience.

An official source said General Li Yen-iang was continuing to withdraw his Sixth Army Group to new positions South of the Huai River. General Li himself will combine forces with the troops under General Sung Ihsuan, who was stalled South West of Luoyang, and General Yung Kan-tsao, who had been stalled along the Pembo-Pukou railway.

After further disruption of traffic caused by the latest Communist raids just North of the new Nationalist East China headquarters at Chushien, the railway was again today reported to be in operation.

#### Still Pinned Down

Three encircled Nationalist Army Groups in the Honan-Anhwei-Kiangsu border region were reported unofficially to be still pinned down and ineffective.

The dropping of supplies by air to these forces were continuing.

Along the Grand Canal East of Lake Hungtse, the situation was officially reported to be tense. About five independent Communist regiments have been transferred from Yenchang and Fowang in North East Kiangsu and now operating in the Kaoyu region about 30 miles from the Yangtse.

Official sources claimed that the Communists have enforced conscription through Kiangsu North of the Yangtse and, under instructions from General Chen Yi, conscripted troops were being formed into a new 12th Army.

Meanwhile, grey cheerless Nanking, capital of China, is strangely calm in the face of impending

doom. Although the Red tide from the North is now almost lapping the banks of the Yangtse, the city is going about its business, apparently as usual.

An early clash was expected today in the Wuching area, about 30 miles to the West of Tientsin, as the Communists and Nationalists were reported to be taking up positions there.

Tientsin Airport was placed under military control owing to the proximity of General Lin Piao's Communist troops, according to a Tientsin Garrison Headquarters spokesman who revealed that the Reds were supported by two heavy guns in their attack on the Tupsinglu region about seven miles North East of Tientsin yesterday morning.

The military authorities also disclosed that Communists appeared at Meichang, off the railway between Pultang and Yangtse railway stations less than 20 miles North West of Tientsin.—Reuter.

### Cease-Fire On Front Of Arab Legion

Amman, December 18.

A cease fire on the Arab Legion front, embracing Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bab El Wad, Latrun, Bethlehem and Beit Jala, had been agreed to, Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Bey Tel, the Arab Legion commander in Jerusalem's Old City, told reporters here today.

### SCAP Calls On Japs To Get To Work

Tokyo, December 19.

General Douglas MacArthur told the Japanese people today to get to work and save themselves from Communism or Japan can expect to get no more aid from the United States and may perish.

General MacArthur said that as long as the United States is paying the bill to support Japan's shabby post-war economy, the United States has the right to demand maximum efforts by the people and efficiency in Government and industry.

Calling upon the Japanese people to carry out the terms of the now United States directive for Japanese economic stabilisation, General MacArthur said, "there will be no place for ideological opposition as the purpose to be served, is common to all of the people and any attempt to do so, in my opinion, is the accomplishment of the general welfare."—United Press.

### Dutch Land Marines On North Coast Of East Java OUT TO SEIZE LEADERS

Batavia, December 19.  
The Netherlands declared war on the Indonesian Republic today and Dutch paratroops were striking on the Indonesian capital of Jogjakarta in an attempt to seize Indonesian leaders.

The Dutch Army Headquarters announced today that Dutch airborne troops plummeted into the vicinity of Jogjakarta and Jogjakarta's airfield, Moguwo, eight kilometres East of Jogjakarta, was taken by the paratroops.

The Dutch also announced that Dutch marines, supported by the navy, landed shortly after midnight on the North coast in East Java, West of Surabaya.

The announcement said: "The landing progressed according to plan." The communiqué also said that Dutch troops, advancing from Goombong, approximately 55 miles West of Jogjakarta, reached Karanganjer, crossing the status quo or United Nations demarcation line on the road to Jogjakarta.

Dutch troops invaded the Asahan district along the East coast of Sumatra.

The Dutch headquarters announced: "In Central Sumatra Dutch troops crossed the former status quo line at several places."

### Jogjakarta Occupied

Batavia, December 19.

Dutch air-borne troops have occupied Jogjakarta, capital of the Indonesian Republic, a Netherlands communiqué announced.

The official Indonesian representative in Batavia, Dr. Darmascetiwana, was arrested along with other high-ranking negotiators who had been carrying on talks through United Nations representatives.

### Late Appeal

Mr. Merl Cochran, the United States member of the three-man UN team, flew from Jogjakarta to Batavia with a last-minute Indonesian appeal to reach agreement with the Dutch negotiators, but the Dutch military had already gone into action.

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The Dutch Army was believed to have taken an offensive position around the 700-kilometre United Nations demarcation line in Java and the 1,300-kilometre United Nations demarcation line in Sumatra.

It is recalled that the Republican President, Dr. Sollarno, unless he had already departed from Java, was supposed to be en route for New Delhi.

The United Nations three-power delegation was trapped in a hill station of the Kali range upon the slopes of the active volcano, Mount Marapi.

From their vantage point they will be able to witness any parachute landings.

Against the Dutch general offensive will be pitted the regular but badly armed Indonesian Army estimated at 150,000 plus at least 200,000 irregulars.

Unofficial reports said the Dutch mustered the fighter plane strength around Semarang a fortnight ago.

It was believed that Semarang will be the major fighter base while Soerabaya will be a transport base.

The Dutch High Commissioner, Louis Beel, described the Dutch military action as a purge. He said the Government was "fully conscious of their duty and had decided that since no peace solution has proven possible... it formally denounced the truce which for that matter the Republican Government had failed to observe for months as shown by their activities."

Authoritative quarters in Amman tonight suggested that Britain might lend Transjordan £10-million to enable her to administer Palestine territory whose annexation was approved by the Transjordan Government last week.

The Amman report said that arrangements for the loan were believed to have been concluded by Transjordan's Finance Minister, Sultan Bey Shukri, during his recent two-weeks visit to London, these quarters understood.

### Purge Announced

Mr. Beel said, "The recovery of this country cannot begin properly until the Republican territory is purged from terrorist powers. With the small police and military available we shall continue to pursue the gang of terrorists, and we shall no longer suffer them to carry on their practices either in territories already under our control or in territories we are going to liberate."

Colonel El Tel added that the Jews had not asked permission to go to the Wailing Wall—Jewry's most sacred shrine.

Reuter's correspondent in Tel Aviv said no alternative Israeli source tonight denied an untrue

Colonel Moshe Dayan, the Jewish commander in Jerusalem, had given Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah El Tel until Sunday to end on an armistice for the Holy City.

The rival commanders met last Sunday to discuss the Jerusalem truce and access to the holy places during Christmas.

Both sides agreed to accomplish this by the end of December.

Representatives of the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic, since their agreement last January 17, have been negotiating in Batavia under the auspices of the United Nations Good Office Committee.

However, sporadic fighting continued until May 21, when the

### Princess Margaret At Nurses' Ball



Princess Margaret has the Marquess of Blandford (left) as table companion during the British Empire Nurses' War Memorial Fund "Thank You Nurse" Ball, held recently in London at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square.—AP Photo.

### Small Factory Explodes In Shopping Area

Halifax, December 19.  
An explosion at a small spindle-making works here today killed three persons, including the proprietor, injured seven workers seriously, hurled machinery into the streets and shattered windows all over the town.

Christmas shoppers thronging the main shopping centre where the works are located, were among the slightly injured. Seventy persons were treated in hospital for cuts from flying splinters.

The explosion was believed to have been caused by the bursting of a compressed gas apparatus used in operations at the works. The workers in the plant were on overtime and the explosion occurred 70 minutes before it would have closed for the week-end.

The police cordoned off the area while doctors and nurses tended the injured and firemen and police rescued workers trapped under fallen masonry.

Meanwhile, divers were working on the sunken Kiangyu, the Ningpo passenger ship which sank after an explosion off the Yangtse mouth.

They have recovered 1,217 bodies which, they estimated, was about one-third of the total casualties. Diving now has been temporarily halted due to a series of high tides.—Associated Press.

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One local shopkeeper told a reporter: "It was like bombs bursting. About 1,000 people were in the district but although many shops were badly damaged, only a few people received slight injuries from flying glass."

The works was a three-storey building in the Norgate shopping centre of Halifax.—Reuter.

### Dr. Sun Fo Notifies Chiang Of Inability To Form Cabinet

Nanking, December 19.  
Dr. Sun Fo tonight officially notified President Chiang Kai-shek that he cannot accept nomination as Premier because his efforts to form a strong Cabinet had been unsuccessful.

This information was given to Reuters tonight by Mr. T. K. Sun, son of Dr. Sun Fo.

Dr. Sun had accepted the Cabinet, the members of which would soon be announced.

These sources had said that discussions were still proceeding but there was no indication when an agreement would be achieved.

Sources close to General Chang Chun denied that the general would become a member of Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet without portfolio.—Reuter.

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### Reports On Loan To Transjordan Denied

London, December 18.

Reports from Amman that Britain had lent £10,000,000 to Transjordan to help in the administration of the Arab areas of Palestine were denied tonight by a Foreign Office spokesman.

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### Disastrous Bus Collision In U.S.

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 18.

Thirty-five people are feared dead or dying as the result of a head-on collision today between two buses near Delta, Utah, the police announced.

Both vehicles caught fire and were burned out.

One bus driver said he counted seven bodies but did not know how many might be inside the buses.

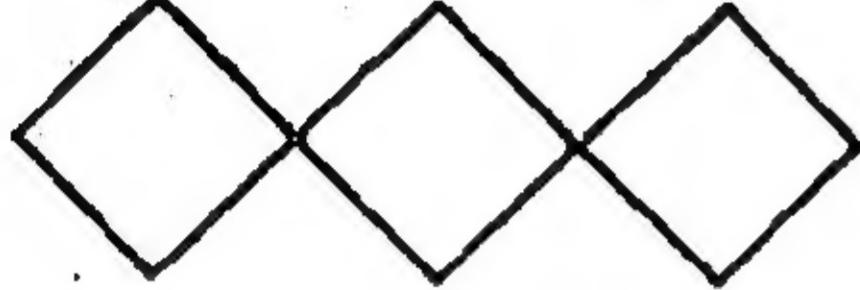
One bus was understood to be carrying United States navy men going home for Christmas, bus line officials said, and added that the vehicles collided about 60 miles from the city.

Passing motorists described the mishap as terrible and said they saw several sailors with the skin practically burned from their hands and arms. They added that the area was icy and the highway was icy, blistering.





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### Xmas Spirit Of Goodwill

The Christmas spirit of goodwill was shown by the children of St. Andrew's Sunday School when they filled two tables with gifts for the less fortunate ones at their annual prize giving, held in the Church Hall yesterday afternoon.

After hymn singing, a prayer and carols, Mr. Hugh Braga, superintendent of the school, gave a report of the school.

"The Reverend J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, distributed the prizes to the following:

Girls.—Claire Clemo, Noreen Timms, Anne Ramsey, Letitia Timms, Alice Clayton, Royle Bell, Hazel Kottwall, Frances Fischer, Vera Cherlow, Pamela Lowe, Catherine Lowe.

Boys.—Roger Kemp, John Stevens, Stuart Braga, George Channing, Keith Howarth, Ronald Van Ess, Pat Timms, Allan Timms, Edwin Koepken.

### XMAS PARTY AT KING'S PARK

A Christmas party for children was held at the Little Flower Club at King's Park yesterday.

Children of the members of the club and guests from the local Portuguese community were invited to the party, which under the able direction of Mrs. Motta and Mrs. Silva, was a great success.

There were about 80 children present. Entertainment in the way of games was provided. Tea was served.

### TAR AND FEATHERS CAUSE MAN'S DEATH

Berlin, December 18. A young man has died in a Bavarian hospital after being tarred and feathered by rivals as he was returning from a visit to his girl friend, according to a report by the Soviet-licensed German news agency, ADN.—Reuter.

The audience warmed up by two preceding items, enjoyed even more the singing of this young group after they had neatly assembled themselves before the Governor. Thereupon they proceeded in the solemn Christmas fashion to sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

### Concert At The Gripps Impresses

(By KIMBERLEY)

The Light Orchestra's Grand Christmas performance at the Gripps last night may yet prove to be the Hong Kong concert of the year.

Three factors were responsible for its overwhelming success before the Governor and a grand attendance at the Hong Kong Hotel: a discriminative selection of popular music, a limited but varied number of soloists; items and the pleasing volume of the orchestra under William Apps.

Added to this was a dramatic Christmas touch contributed by H. V. Ardley with his direction of the choral choir.

The choir of young boys and girls holding lanterns, marched solemnly out, chanting "Good King Wenceslas" with the orchestra softly away in the background. The effect was inspiring.

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### Spanish March

A Spanish March, by Jaime Texidor presented contrast followed by a selection from Bitter Sweet by Coward which ended the first part of the programme.

Chu Chin Chow selections (Norton) began the second interval which led the gathering back to Yule tide—with the Savvy Christmas Medley.

First solo was Miss Ting Yu Lin's two songs Cantique de Noel (Adams) and Bishop's "Lo Horn the Gentle Lark". Her singing, along with the programme met with an appreciative reception and she returned for an encore.

Victor Orloff's violin expressed all the romance of the music he played. First was Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song" followed by three equally pleasing pieces, including Shumann's "Song of Love." The orchestra's "Slores of Vienna Wood" waltz was another choice selection.

And Noel Coward's "Cavalcade" selection was fitting climax to a night of grand, popular and altogether most enjoyable light music.

### Motorship Makes Local Debut

A new motorship will make her debut in local waters today arriving from Shanghai.

She is the Barber Fern Line's newly-commissioned ms. Fernhill, which is making her maiden voyage for the Gulf-Eastern run of the BFL.

Built in Gothenburg and designed originally for the American Mediterranean service, the 8,400-ton vessel was commissioned last September.

All the latest navigational aids—radar, echo-sounder, long-short wave wireless, gyro compass and gyro pilot, have been installed to modernise the Fernhill. When fully loaded she can cruise at an average of 15 knots.

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Measuring 435 feet by 66 feet, she has two double and four single cabins, each with private bathrooms.

The Fernhill will leave Hong Kong tomorrow for the Philippines, the Straits and the United States.

### BAZAAR FOR BOYS' CLUBS

The Murray Parade Ground was a place of attraction and activity on Saturday afternoon when a Fete and Bazaar was held in aid of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association.

Well-wishers of the Association patronised the fete in great numbers. Stall keepers shooting galleries and other game results were kept busy catering for the numerous customers which were later increased by the influx of fresh arrivals from the various offices and commercial firms.

Even the slight drizzle in the later afternoon did not damp their spirits.

## Bad Guess Prompted FDR To Enlist Russia For FE War

New York, December 18. Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias says a bad guess by the Allied joint Chiefs of Staff, based on intelligence agents' faulty conception of Japan's naval strength, led Franklin D. Roosevelt to enlist Soviet Russia for the Pacific War. Admiral Zacharias is a former Deputy Chief of the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence.

## HMS London Leaving For Shanghai

Rear Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Station, is leaving by HMS London for Shanghai today on a pre-arranged visit.

HMS London will remain at the Chinese port until the middle of next month.

Due to arrive here on January 2 from Shanghai, HMS Amethyst will probably bring back Rear Admiral Madden. She will depart for Singapore on January 13.

Early on December 23, HMS Constance is due to arrive here from Nanking and on the following day HMS Black Swan from Shanghai.

The American cruiser Passamaquoddy is leaving the Colony tomorrow after her five-day training visit.

The flagship of the 13th Cruiser Squadron arrived last week from Tsingtao with Rear Admiral E. E. Herrmann, Commander of the 71st U.S. Task Force, which includes the 13th Cruiser Division.

## Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. John Bernard Patrick Byrne's name has been added to the list of Authorised Auditors.

Mr. Yue Shui-chiu has been appointed as an Authorised Architect.

Mr. John Hubert Bottomley has been authorised by the Government Council to act as the Building Authority in place of Mr. Richard John Vornall. Mr. Bottomley has also been appointed to act as Chief Building Surveyor.

## Reminders

### Today

Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals' annual general meeting of General Committee, at Nethersole Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

Concert by the Band of The Buffs, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.

Northeast Training College, presentation of certificates, 8 p.m.

Christmas Pantomime "Red Riding Hood" European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Ltd., Kromewijk Java Plantations, Ltd., and Zhangji Rubber Co., Ltd., annual general meetings, 8.30-9 p.m.

Marina House, 12.15 and 12.30 p.m.

I. K. Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Native Play by Roman Church Club amateur, Tuk Ching School, 9 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

### TOMORROW

H.K. Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Christmas Carols by George Lin & Family Orchestra, Hoof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

Speech Day, Maryknoll School, 5 p.m.

Metal Industries of China Limited, annual general meeting, Wheeckow Morden office, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Xmas Lunch, H. K. International Women's Club, Gloucester Building.

WEDNESDAY

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Xmas Lunch, H. K. International Women's Club, Gloucester Bldg.

H. K. Singers' Concert, at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8.15 p.m.

A code of charges for pathological and bacteriological examinations by the Medical Department was published in Government Gazette yesterday.

All passengers arriving at Hong Kong from Amoy must have valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox. It was officially announced in the Government Gazette yesterday.

The certificates must show that the holders have been vaccinated not more than three years before embarking at Amoy, for Hong Kong and must have the results of the vaccination endorsed.

Certificates endorsed "unobserved" or "no reaction" will not be accepted. The certificates must also bear the photographs of the holders and be signed or countersigned by an official medical or health officer.

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The official unveiling of the Memorial Plaque in memory of members of the Police Force who lost their lives during 1939 and 1945 was held at the Police Recreation Club yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of police officials, their wives and their friends and the St. John's Choir was also in attendance. The Service was officiated by the Very Reverend Dean, A. P. Rose, assisted by Rev. J. E. Sandbach and Rev. Father Joy.—China Mail Photo.

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Mails are closed at Kowloon Central  
Post Office, half an hour earlier than the  
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### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Closing Times by Air  
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ting, 3 p.m.; (GPO) 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m.  
Armad, for Shanghai, (Kowloon) 8:30 a.m.,  
(Ord.) 9 a.m.  
Armad, for Shantou, and Amoy, (Kow-  
loon) 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Armad, for Manila, (Kowloon) 11 a.m.,  
(Ord.) 11:30 a.m.  
Armad, for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow,  
Tsinling and Peiping, (Kowloon) for  
Kunming and Linchow, (Kowloon) for  
Nanchang, Amoy and Taipai, (Kow-  
loon) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m.  
Armad, for Tientsin, (Kowloon) 11 a.m.,  
(Ord.) 1:30 p.m.  
Closing Times by Sea  
Shantou, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, 10 a.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Closing Times by Air  
Armad, for Manila, Honolulu, USA and  
Honolulu, (Kowloon) 11 a.m., (Ord.)  
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Manila, Guern, Honolulu and USA,  
Kowloon, (Kowloon) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 1:30 p.m.,  
10 a.m.

Aldershot, December 18.  
BAOR defeated the Army at  
home by 11 points to five in a  
Rugby Union match at Aldershot  
today. At half time the Army at  
home were leading 5-3. (Reuters)

Nanking, December 18.  
Chinese Communists are discarding, maybe only temporarily, most of their radical policies and have adopted an attitude of friendly accommodation to all social classes as their chances of taking over the Government and country mounted, according to Chinese reports seeping out of Communist-controlled regions.

The reports said the Communists, especially in the areas which they captured during the last six months, are showing leniency and friendliness to the people. Private business and property in the cities are protected and factory owners are not dispossessed of their wealth.

They are not forcing city dwellers to work for them and those wishing to leave for Kuomintang China are permitted to do so and even given travel facilities.

**Troop Discipline**

During the last two weeks, travellers said, the Communists have organised many "apology" units. These units go into villages and apologise to the people for what may have been done and sound out their views on suggested improvements.

Severe discipline has also been imposed on Communist troops who are not allowed to take anything from the "com-

### Firm's Share Application

An application by Landis Brothers Limited for an extension of time within which to file a Return of Allotment of shares was granted at the Supreme Court on Saturday by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice).

Sir Leslie ordered that the necessary return be filed within two weeks from yesterday. Mr. D. A. J. Wright, instructed by Mr. B. N. Cooper of Messrs. Hastings & Co., represented Landis Brothers Limited.

The application concerned 5,000 shares of \$10 each which had been issued on June 29. Mr. Wright said that the application to file the necessary Return had been caused through the grave illness of Mr. Amos John Bush, a director of the Company.

### Swiss Government Still Bomb Conscious

Berna, December 19.  
The Swiss government is still bomb conscious. The Federal Council has ordered that in all new government buildings, particularly in railway stations and post offices, shelters will be constructed and the buildings so designed as to afford the greatest hindrance to the spreading of fires.

An Air Raid Commission has just recommended an overhauling of the wartime measures and made its report to the Swiss General Staff. The Commission recommended erection of air raid shelters in existing buildings in towns which, because of their size, strategic location or manner of construction, are considered dangerous.

#### Widest Basis

Measures to acquaint the population with blackouts, fire fighting and self protection were also ordered. The Commission ordered air raid alarms to be improved.

Decentralisation of the country, particularly in economic matters and in food supply problems, was recommended. The evacuation of sections of the population will no longer be considered in the case of

necessity, but in some situations villagers would be moved from their homes to the next village, according to the Commission's plans.

The Commission said first aid and air defence had to be organised on the widest basis.

The air raid defence system built up during the last war has been largely dismantled although many shelters are being used as storage depots and could be reconverted quickly. The Commission recommended that immediate steps be taken to bring the system back to a minimum state of readiness.

Not all the Swiss are in agreement with these preparations. Recently the Military Department ordered that an air raid shelter be built in a new schoolhouse in Rull. The community then took a vote on a proposed bond issue to construct the shelter and it was defeated by 1,040 votes to 54. (Associated Press)

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### More Evacuees Arrive In HK

More evacuees were brought from Shanghai by the British steamer "Wingsong" yesterday which arrived here with a variety of cargo, from domestic utensils to cars.

Among her cargo were about 600 cases of household paraphernalia belonging to North China evacuees, fresh fruits, live turkeys and four limousines.

Personal effects from the personal of the Mexican, Argentine and Venezuelan embassies were included. The Panamanian Ambassador to China, Colonel J. E. Belcon, brought his own luggage with him.

The "Wingsong" carried about 400 passengers, the majority from Shanghai. She loaded at Keelung mostly Christmas fare.

At 10 a.m. and finished just before 5 p.m.

Later in the evening, the Dr. Rodriguez also thanked Max Factor, E. C. Fischer and A. M.

The following were the prize winners:

Club's Singles Championship:—

Winner, J. A. da Luz, runner-up,

Club's Pairs Championship:—

Winners, J. A. and R. F. da Luz, runners-up, C. P. Basto and J. E. Noronha.

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Winner, A. A. Lopes, C. E. Marques, Dr. A. P. Gutierrez and J. E. Noronha (skip), runner-up, T. Alves, Dr. A. M. Remedios, L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip).

Rosita Cup:—Winner, F. X. M. da Silva, runner-up J. A. da Luz.

Memorial Cup:—Winners, E. A. Remedios, H. R. Plina, C. P. Basto and C. F. Ronedios (skip), runner-up, J. A. Victor, O. P. Remedios, A. F. Noronha and C. C. Pereira (skip).

Men's Singles Championship:—

Winner, J. B. Goncalves, runner-up, W. A. Reed.

Men's Doubles Championship:—

Winners, J. R. Goncalves and W. A. Reed, runners-up, J. J. Remedios and A. V. Remedios.

Men's Singles (Junior Championship):—Winner, F. M. Ribeiro, runner-up, T. E. Rodrigues.

Men's Doubles Handicap:—

Winners, T. E. Rodrigues and G. N. Goshio, runners-up, C. A. Moretto and A. T. Remedios.

Ladies Singles Championship:—

Winner, M. Ribeiro, runner-up, Mrs. I. Souza.

Ladies Doubles Handicap:—

Winners, Miss T. Santos and Miss L. Sequiera, runners-up, Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva.

### Khalsa Beat CS Team In Hockey Encounter

(By KIMBERLEY)

The most exciting league hockey yesterday at King's Park was the game in which Khalsa beat Civil Service by four goals to two, the most amusing a friendly between the CBA girls and the Little Flowers.

At the RNRC ground, the University bowed to the Navy in a 4-0 defeat. Police scored three against the Dockyard without reply. Army registered the biggest score of the season yet, in a 10-0 victory over the YMCA at Sooknupoo.

Lah Singh, Khalsa's brilliant goal-keeper, was the stumbling block to an otherwise probable hockey upset in the Khalsa-Civil Service meet.

The lowers started the game with their characteristic aggressiveness. Ernie Fowler (CS' centre forward) with all his shrewdness in the deep, followed entirely against the squatting, complete-goal-covering defensive technique of the Indian.

Khalsa's attacks were spasmodic and infrequent. But practically each time they broke through there was a goal. Their opponent's back was chiefly responsible for their being kept away. By half time however, Khalsa was in a three-all lead.

Civil Service did not reply until after the fourth goal against them by Ram (Sligh), Noronha and George Guest having scored before. Klerman, CS' right-wing, chalked up the first goal 10 minutes after the interval. Play continued at a fast pace with the losers doing all the chasing until shortly before the final whistle, when Dougall Smith sent the ball from almost the base of the scrum-circle in a flash shot into the net to bring the final score to 4-2 in favour of Khalsa.

The University-Navy game took time to speed up. At half-time Navy, pressing mostly, had scored two. Play gathered momentum in the second half, with University making unsuccessful efforts to score. Another two goals came Navy's way before the match ended.

**Friendly Tilt**

The friendly game between CDA girls and the Little Flowers drew the attention of the spectators after the two league games in the RNRC ground.

The Flowers, a comparatively more experienced team than their opponents, scored the only two goals of the game. The losers, composed mostly of school girls, although led by Maria Shand and Phyllis Kirby—pre-war hockey

players—did not manage to bring the system back to a minimum state of readiness.

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By Dick Turner



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovenamed Company will be held at 801/606 Marina House, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 20th December, 1948, at 12 noon for the following purposes:

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Cheques in respect of earnest money must be made payable to Command Cashier, Hong Kong.

3. Date for closing of tenders will be 12 o'clock, December 30, '48.

NOTICE  
ALICE MEMORIAL &  
AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals (Nethersole Hospital) will be held on Monday, December 20, 1948, at 5.30 p.m., in the Nethersole Hospital, Bonham Road. Tea will be served from 5.15 p.m.

A. SYDENHAM,  
Secretary.

December 18, 1948.

REMARKS

THE CHINA COAST  
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The Ordinary General Meetings of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, 3rd floor, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 1948.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,  
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, December 18, 1948.

## NOTICE

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28. Dearly.

# CHINA'S IMMEDIATE FUTURE DEPENDS ON CHIANG'S DECISIONS

By Milos W. Vaughn

Shanghai, December 18.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is the key to the immediate political and military situation in China and the course of events in the immediate weeks to come depends upon the decisions which he is now weighing.

That is the general opinion among the best informed Chinese foreign experts to whom this correspondent talked during the past fortnight.

It was agreed that the President is the central figure in the present crisis—with the Communist armies battering at the gates of the Generalissimo's capital in Nanking and at the walls of the ancient seat of the Imperial Chinese rulers in Peking.

The Generalissimo is believed to be weighing these possible courses of action:

(1) To retire from the Chinese scene and go abroad. Should he do this, it is presumed that the Vice President of the Republic, General Li Tsung-jen, would become Chief Executive and form a coalition regime which might attempt to consolidate opposition to the Communists and continue the civil war or might try to make a deal with the Reds for some kind of "coition" in which the Communists would be given only equality with the Nationalist Kuomintang Party and affiliated elements.

The highest American diplomatic sources of this country believed that the Generalissimo will be forced to step down and that the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, would be pleased to hear of such a development. It is no secret that Mr. Marshall has held Chiang in very low esteem since the failure of the Marshall Mission to China.

(2) To remain in Nanking as long as possible and fight against Communism to the bitter end. If Nanking is lost, it is believed that the Generalissimo would move his field headquarters slowly southward until he has eventually reached Canton where his brother-in-law, Mr. T. V. Soong, has been attempting to organise a strong anti-Communist base for the past year.

A majority of the informed American and other foreign diplomats with whom this correspondent had long private conversations assert that the Generalissimo has got to retire if he expects to get any more appreciable aid from the United States.

They believe that the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall and President Truman had made it amply clear to Madam Chiang Kai-shek during her conversations in Washington this month that her husband is not going to get any more effective American aid.

A high American informant said he believed that political negotiations between the representatives of the Nanking Government and Communists are now taking place and that the Communists will not renew their all-out drive towards Nanking while these negotiations are underway. He thought that the negotiations have a chance for success since the Nanking regime is in an almost hopeless position.

—United Press.

## TIENTSIN RACE COURSE NOW AN AIRFIELD

Tientsin, December 19. With Tientsin's main airport in danger, the authorities are redoubling efforts to construct an emergency airfield at the Tientsin race course, where the sport of kings has long been forgotten and where tents have been put up to house journalists.

During the past few days, heaps of earth have been carted to the race course where the dirt track and the adjoining cinders track have been joined into one.

The entire stretch has been extended southward into the bordering countryside and the completed runway is expected to be 4,000 feet long. At the Northern end, a Chinese village slightly to the right has been demolished and the same fate await before a foreign house in the vicinity.

The question observers are asking is what will happen to the American Consul-General's house which lies directly in the path of the runway, about 300 yards from the probable spot where the planes take to the air?

The Consul-General and Mrs. Robert L. Smyth have a beautiful residence which is flanked by two other similar buildings occupied by the American consular staff.

Tientsin Chinese crammed many weddings into a few effortless hours yesterday.—Reuters.

## SEKI, THE SILK CONSULTANT

Tokyo, December 19. Allied Headquarters today dispatched Goro Seki, Japanese silk technician, by plane to New York to serve as consultant to SCAP's foreign trade office there and maintain liaison between Japan's domestic silk producers and American silk buyers.

He will replace two Japanese silk experts formerly assigned to the New York office. Seki is the twelfth Japanese to represent occupied Japan's silk industry in the United States.—United Press.

## Diagnosis Of Divorce

Cincinnati, December 19. An American judge who has heard the domestic troubles of 24,000 couples suggests handling wayward married couples as delinquent children.

Judge Paul W. Alexander, a speaker at the National Conference of Church and Home, said the real cause of divorce lies in the character defects of one or both spouses.

"The drunkenness, infidelity, slinging, are merely symptoms or outward manifestations of character defects," he said. "We would substitute for the philosophy of guilt and punishment the modern philosophy of diagnosis and therapy."—Associated Press.

## RADIO

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12.00 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary, Melodies from British Radio. (BBC)

1.00 p.m.—Accent on Rhythm, (BBC)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra, tra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.00 p.m.—Camp Fire Broadcast by the Hong Kong Boy Scouts.

6.30 p.m.—Fortunes, Half Hour.

7.00 p.m.—Studio.

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News, (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickenson. (Studio.)

8.00 p.m.—From the Editorials, (London Relay).

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.

8.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music. (BBC)

8.30 p.m.—"Like What I Like" presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)

9.00 p.m.—Special Christmas Concert by the Band of the Royal Engineers.

W. H. Foster, A.R.C.M., Guest Artist; Doris Foster (Contralto); Carolyn Braga (Piano); She Li-ying (Tenor) with Betty Brown as Accompanist. (Relay from China Fleet Club)

9.00 p.m.—Radio News Rev. (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Smash and Grab" London Playhouse. With Joy Shelton and Sidney Taffler.

10.45 p.m.—Dance to Eric Winstone and His Band. (BBC)

11.45 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

# Children In The Choir; Soldiers In The Steeple

Pengpu, December 18.

Chinese children chanted verses in Pengpu's Sacred Heart Church today while Nationalist soldiers in the sandbagged steeple watched for Communist advance units approaching from the North.

From the Church steeple in this bewildered city from which government troops are withdrawing, could be seen a plume of smoke rising from a burning wooden bridge over a tributary of the Huan.

After the singing, 110 Chinese inside the Church asked to be baptised. A nun performed the rites.

## Tanks Move On

Outside, Pengpu reverberated with screeching whistles of trains grunting Southward toward Pukow. That is the rail terminal just across the Yangtze from Nanking.

The cars were crammed with soldiers and guns. Hundreds of refugees crowded the tops of the cars, huddled together with their bundled household goods.

A company of light tanks arrived on flatcars from the North where Chiang Kai-shek's

armies apparently have taken a major beating. The tanks continued Southward without being unloaded.

There was every indication of a general retreat from the Huan River defense line, of which Pengpu was the anchor.

The movement to the South was anything but easy. Red raiders swooped down on the rail line on Friday night and broke the line in four places.

Telegraph communications were disrupted. These breaks are almost daily occurrences now. Nobody in Pengpu is surprised by them.

About one third of the city's 300,000 residents are leaving. Coal still comes from the Huan mines to keep its water system operating. Communist units to the West are expected to cut the line of supply almost anytime.

Amid all the noise of movement, Pengpu's people seem surprisingly quiet. They are waiting, just waiting.—Associated Press.

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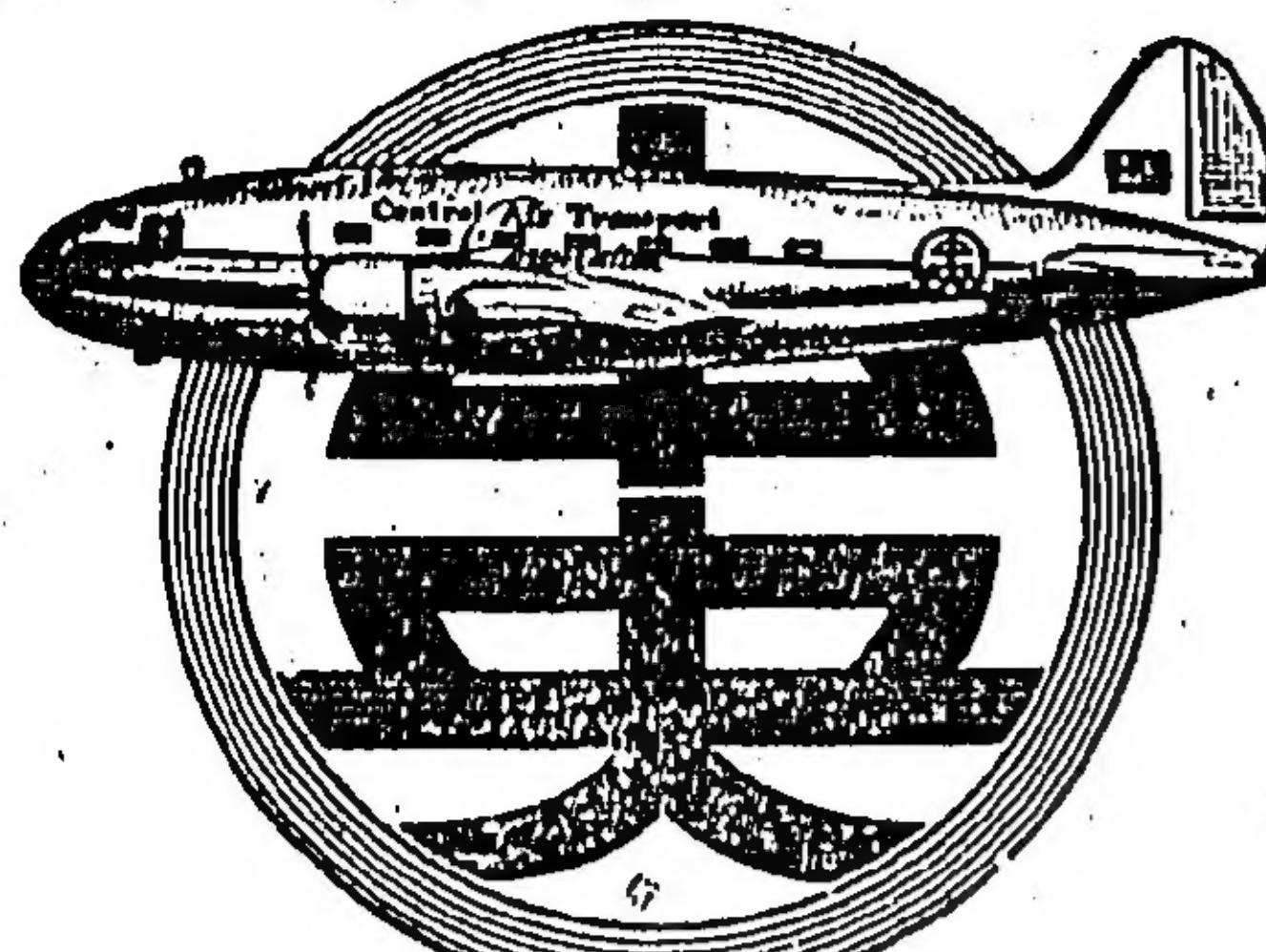
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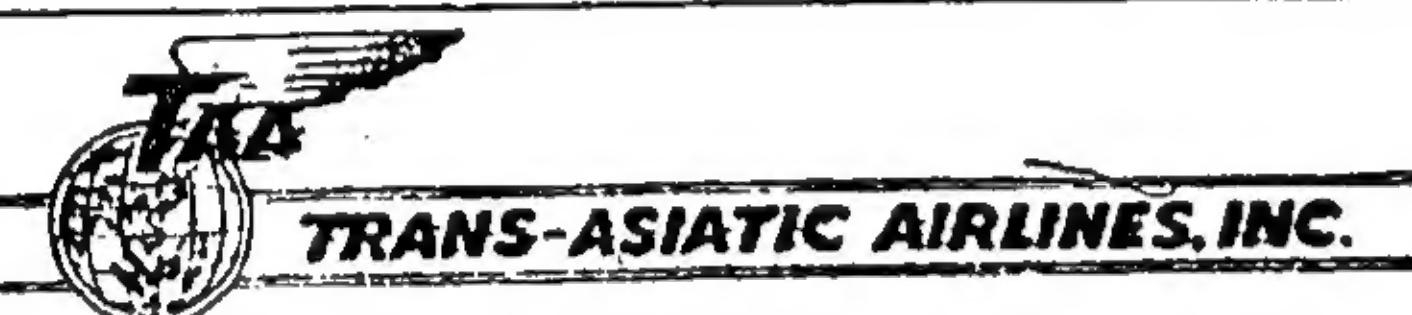


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of distance, rapid building up of the attacking force at Anzio would be difficult and landing craft would be needed long after the agreed-upon date for their release.

The Prime Minister was never determined to carry out the proposed operation. He and his staff not only felt certain that the assault would be a great and prompt success but they engaged to release the landing craft as quickly as the two divisions had been established on the beach. Although I repeated my warning as to the probable outcome, I accepted their firm commitments on the date of the release of these craft, which would be so badly delayed in England, and agreed to recommend to the United States Chiefs of Staff that the equipment remain in the Mediterranean for an additional two weeks.

In the final outcome the Anzio operation paid off handsomely but in its initial stages it developed exactly as my headquarters thought it would. In addition, the landing craft scheduled for transfer to the United Kingdom had to remain in the Mediterranean for a considerable length of time to provide rapid reinforcement for the hardpressed troops at Anzio. Fortunately this circumstance did no harm to Overlord. But before real results were achieved the Anzio force had to be built up to more than six divisions and had to fight under adverse conditions for some four months. On the other hand, the move undoubtedly convinced Hitler that we intended to push the Italian campaign as a major operation and he reinforced his armies there with eight divisions. This was a great advantage to the Allies elsewhere.

Facing an early transfer to London, I found myself entangled in a mass of terminal detail in the Mediterranean theatre. I could not escape a feeling of uneasiness over the Anzio project and was disturbed to learn that my plan for concentrating the entire AFHQ in Cusco was to be abandoned. To me this decision seemed to imply a lack of understanding of the situation and of the duties of the highest commander in the field; regardless of preoccupation with multitudinous problems of great import, he must never lose touch with the "feel" of his troops. He can and should delegate tactical responsibility and avoid interference in the authority of his selected subordinates, but he must maintain the closest kind of factual and spiritual contact with them or, in a vast and critical campaign, he will fail. This contact requires frequent visits to the troops themselves. An allied commander finds that these visits to troops of other nationalities inevitably assume a regrettable formality—but he can and should avoid ceremony when visiting troops of his own country.

It was a simple affair to turn over another responsibility for controlling operations. The great bulk of the staffs and principal subordinates would remain in the Mediterranean. They were familiar with plans and resources, as was the new commander, General Wilson of the British Army, who had been on duty in the Eastern Mediterranean. He was present at the Christmas Day conference with the Prime Minister in Tunis, where every factor of our military situation was exhaustively reviewed. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Macmillan were to remain in their political capacities to assist General Wilson. Consequently I had no fear that his lack of acquaintance with the principal French officials, and with plans for arming French forces by the

American Government, would cause him embarrassment.

On the administrative side, however, there was much to do. In addition to my Allied responsibilities I was, of course, the commander of American forces in the theatre. Administration of such a force, with its eternal questions of supply, maintenance, replacement, promotion, demotion, and a voluminous correspondence with the War Department, is a very intricate and sometimes very personal process.

One of the first questions to be settled was the choice of the American officer who would now become deputy to General Wilson and who would therefore take over American administrative duties in the Mediterranean.

This brought up the problem of filling high American positions in both theatres—General Marshall and I of course wanted to place each man in the post where we felt his special qualifications could best assist in the prosecution of the war.

At that time my own ideas as to the best possible allocation of American commanders to the two theatres were given in a telegram sent to Gen. Marshall on December 23, 1943:

In the early stages of Overlord I see no necessity for British and American Army Group Commanders. In fact, any such setup would be destructive of the essential co-operation between Ground and Air Forces. When Army Group Commanders become necessary, I profoundly hope to designate an officer who has had combat experience in this War. My preference for American Army Group Commanders, when more than one American Army is operating in Overlord, is General Bradley. One of his Army Commanders should probably be Patton; the other, a man that may be developed in Overlord operations or, alternatively, somebody like Hodges or Simpson, provided such officers could come over to United Kingdom at an early date and accompany Bradley through the early stages of the operations.

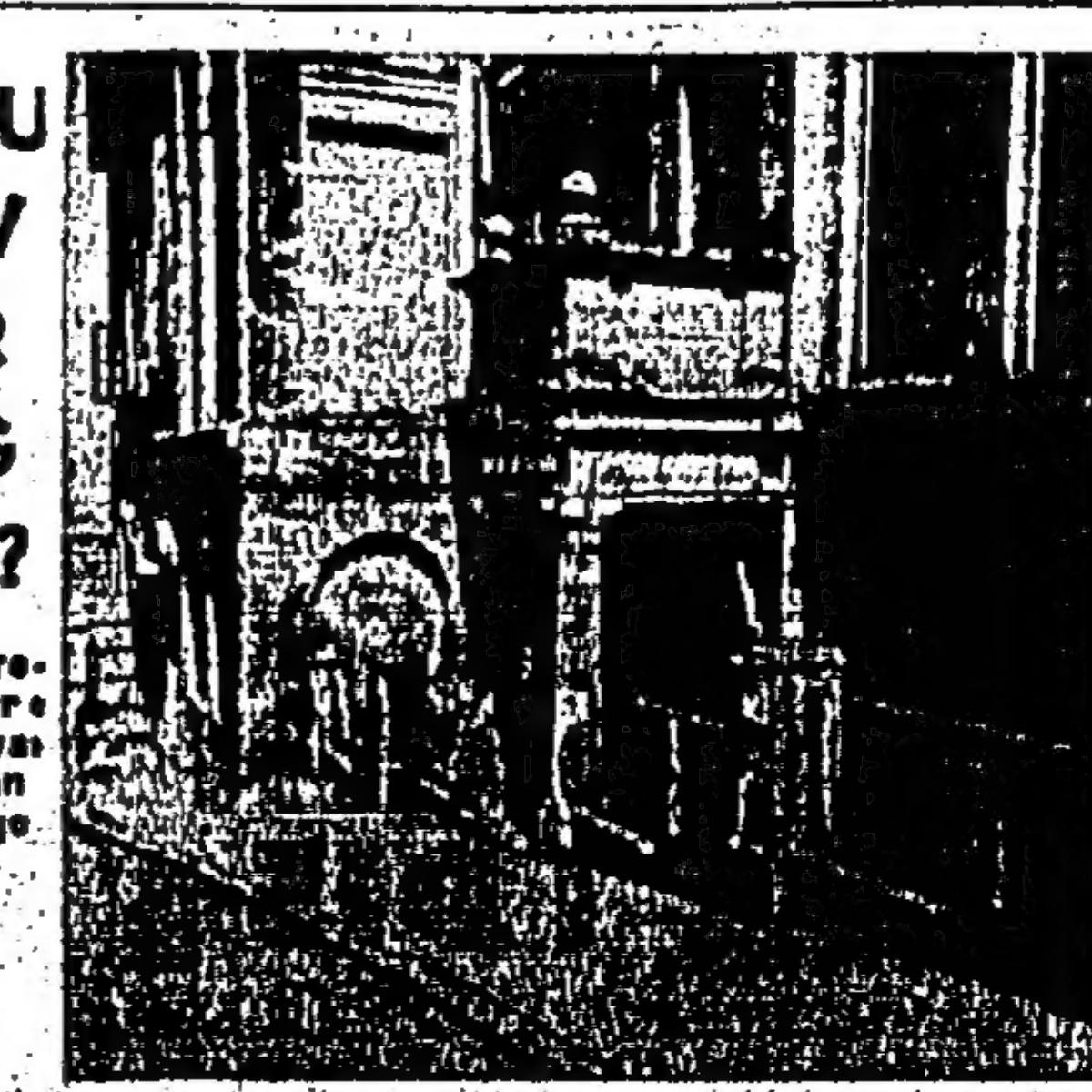
To my mind, Bradley should be the United States Assailing Army Commander, and become Army Group Commander when necessary.

I have sent to you at Washington a long letter outlining my ideas for the American Command setup, both hero and in Overlord. I hope that letter will be awaiting you when you arrive in Washington, but I summarise it here for your immediate information. The American Theatre Commander here in the Mediterranean should be Devers, leaving Clark free at the appropriate time to take complete charge of Anzio.

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# "INDIA'S DOMINION STATUS MUST GO"

## Pakistan Fears Unfounded

Jalipur, December 18. Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said today that India had no intentions of invading Pakistan, whose fears were unfounded and uncalled for.

The Premier, moving a resolution on the objects of the Congress Party at its annual meeting, said:

"In the world of today problems are not solved by war." India was party in an agreement which created Pakistan. Even if Pakistan prayed for union with India, it would be better for her not to join, he said.

Mr. Nehru hoped that there would be working arrangements for mutual benefit between the two Dominions on such vital matters as defense, communications and trade.—Reuter.

## Atomic Bomb Outclassed?

Copenhagen, December 18. The Nobel Prize physicist, M. H. Blackett of Britain, told newsmen today that he did not believe the Soviets have developed the atomic bomb.

He also dismissed the possibility that the bomb, regardless of what had it, would be a decisive weapon in a future war.

He said that its effects were tremendously exaggerated and added that he expects other weapons, possibly German, would be even more destructive than the bomb.

Blackett and Paul Muller, Swiss Chemistry Prize winner, arrived in Copenhagen last night. Muller lectured on his insecticide research before the Danish Scientific Association.—United Press.

## Wolfram Mines Battle Area

Rangoon, December 18. Fresh fighting was officially reported today in Karen State 230 miles North East of Rangoon and in areas surrounding the British owned Wolfram mines at Mawchi.

The Secretary of the Mine Affairs Ministry said there were clashes daily between Government troops and Karen rebels who are creating widespread trouble. He said the Mawchi mines are now held by the rebels.

J.R. Fairli, General Manager of the Mawchi Mines Company, is in Rangoon. He said reports received from Mawchi showed the rebels were not harming British employees and that the mining installations were safe.—Associated Press.

## GREEK CHILDREN IN SIX COUNTRIES

Prague, December 19. Professor Yannis Horalis, Welfare Minister in the "government" of the Greek guerrilla leader, General Markos, said today that 4,000 children evacuated from Greece have been sent to Albania, 200 to Czechoslovakia, 1,000 to Poland, 3,000 to Hungary, 3,300 to Bulgaria and 3,600 to Rumania.

Professor Horalis told a press conference his "government" accepted the recent United Nations' decision that the children must be returned to Greece if their parents or close relatives wish it. He added that so far no parent had asked for the return of a child.—Reuter.

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## Indian Leader's Statement

Grandhinagar, December 19.

The new President of the powerful Indian National Congress Party predicted on Saturday that India will drop her status as a British Dominion. Dr. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, in his prepared inaugural address, indicated, however, his country might seek some special relationship with the United Kingdom.

"At present we are passing through a transition stage of dominionhood," he said. "Dominion status has certainly meant in practice independence of domestic and external policy. Nevertheless, the concept of Dominion cannot be fitted in with that of the Republic. Dominion status must go."

### Free Relations

"The question then arises," Mr. Sitaramayya went on, "as to whether it is possible or desirable for the free Indian Republic to have some relationships with the United Kingdom and other countries associated with her."

"This relationship can not be that of a Dominion. It can only be the association of free and independent countries agreeing to have certain reciprocal relations which do not limit in any way the freedom in regard to domestic or international policy."

"But whatever associations may be built up, they must in no way derogate from the complete independence of India."

Mr. Sitaramayya said India wants closer contacts and friendly relations with other countries but he emphasized:

"The process of eliminating imperialism from Asia cannot be stopped and must go on."

## STARVATION A REAL THREAT

Burnstaple, England, December 18. The world would starve unless it put aside war and grew more food, the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said tonight. Sir Hartley told an audience at Burnstaple, Devon: "The countries of the world are so preoccupied with national differences, so concerned with the prospect and the fear of war that they pay scant attention to the real and fundamental danger that before long may easily confront the world—starvation."

There was a vital need for international co-operation in pursuing an expansionist agricultural policy and to this end Britain was increasing its own food production and promoting the work of the world Food and Agricultural Organisation.

He added: "We aim at increasing the annual output of British agriculture by £100 million a year in four years—20 per cent. That target can and must be reached."—Reuter.

## Bomb Disrupts Wedding Party

Hamburg, December 18. A 1,000lb. bomb exploded under the main road at Niendorf, near here today, killing one man, seriously wounding 15 people and slightly wounding 30 others. Three houses were totally destroyed and 15 damaged.

The bomb was thought to have been dropped by the British during the war. It was believed to have been detonated by a passing lorry. The injured included all members of a wedding party who were in the damaged houses.—Reuter.

## U.S. Will Join Defence Union In Emergency

Washington, December 18.

Diplomatic informants reported today that plans have been evolved for co-ordinating United States military operations in Europe with those of the Five Power Western European Unity in the event of trouble with Russia.

Actually, fully qualified informants said there is no fear in Washington that such trouble is either imminent or inevitable.

American policy is based on the concept that the best way to avoid conflict is to match Russian power with Western power.

The agreement was apparently advanced considerably by conferences in Germany a month ago between General Lucius D. Clay and Viscount Montgomery. Many in Control

In his position as Chairman of the top military committee of the Western Union and because the American military command is now more with world strategy

than with Western Europe alone.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery would take operational command of American as well as Western Union troops under the agreement if an emergency arose.

Washington authorities said that military leaders should try to make plans to deal with every possibility and that the plans evolved with the Western European Command Organization are of that type.

They are conditional only in the sense that a more formal relationship between the United States and Western Europe will be established if and when the proposed North Atlantic Security Alliance comes into force next spring.—Associated Press.

## Headless Girl In Old Shaft

Wakefield, Yorkshire, December 18.

A black hair net with some black hair in it is the only clue the police have to identify a young woman's body found in a disused pit near Wakefield.

The body, with head and one arm missing, was found floating on top of 400 feet of water 130 feet down a shaft at Old Walton. The police say she might have died five years ago.

Their main problem is how did she get in the shaft—it was sealed seven years ago.—Reuters.

## Francis Sayre To Be Called

New York, December 18.

It was learned today that the new Federal grand jury investigating espionage is expected to ask Francis B. Sayre, Alger Hiss' boss when he was in the State Department, to testify next week.

The jury, which recessed for the week-end was impaneled on Thursday, it replaced the panel which indicted Hiss for perjury on Wednesday just before it wound up its 18-month duty.

Sayre is a former Assistant Secretary of State and High Commissioner in the Philippines. He is now a United Nations delegate and is expected to be home tomorrow from Paris where he has been attending the General Assembly session.—United Press.

## SPY INVESTIGATION

## INFORMER WILL TRADE SECRETS FOR SAFETY

Washington, December 18.

It was disclosed today that a frightened ex-Communist has offered to inform on Russia's American spies if the FBI will protect him against their vengeance.

Members of the House Committee on Un-American activities said they plan to hear his story in a secret session on Monday.

They refused to identify him, but it was learned in New York that the informer is George Hewitt, a negro, who went under the name of Tim Holmes during his stay in the Communist Party. He quit the party in 1944 and has acted as a government witness in several Communist deportation hearings.

Representative John McDowell was understood to have questioned Hewitt privately in New York on Friday and to have asked him to tell his story to the committee in Washington.

### Vital Information

Hewitt's employer recently asked the FBI to protect the one-time Red, asserting that he has been threatened by his former party comrades.

Committee men said the witness promised them vital information on Soviet espionage if his safety can be guaranteed. They said they will insure that by serving him with a formal subpoena which automatically brings him under the protection of the FBI.

Hewitt is one of the seven witnesses the committee wants to hear next week to help it determine how much Communist espionage is going on now and what legislation is needed to combat it.

The Acting chairman, Karl Mundt, said the Committee wants to find out whether there are any Communists in the Federal government although he said that they may be thoroughly investigated by a government agency.

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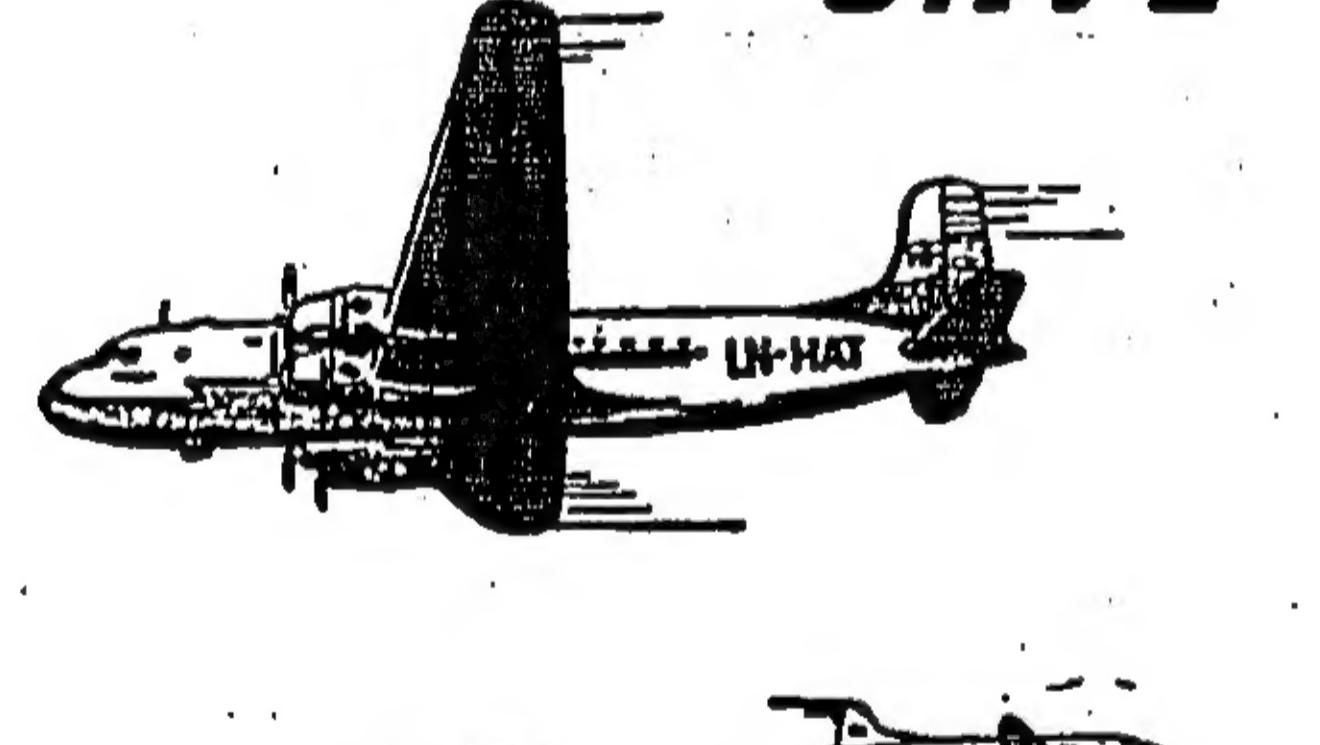
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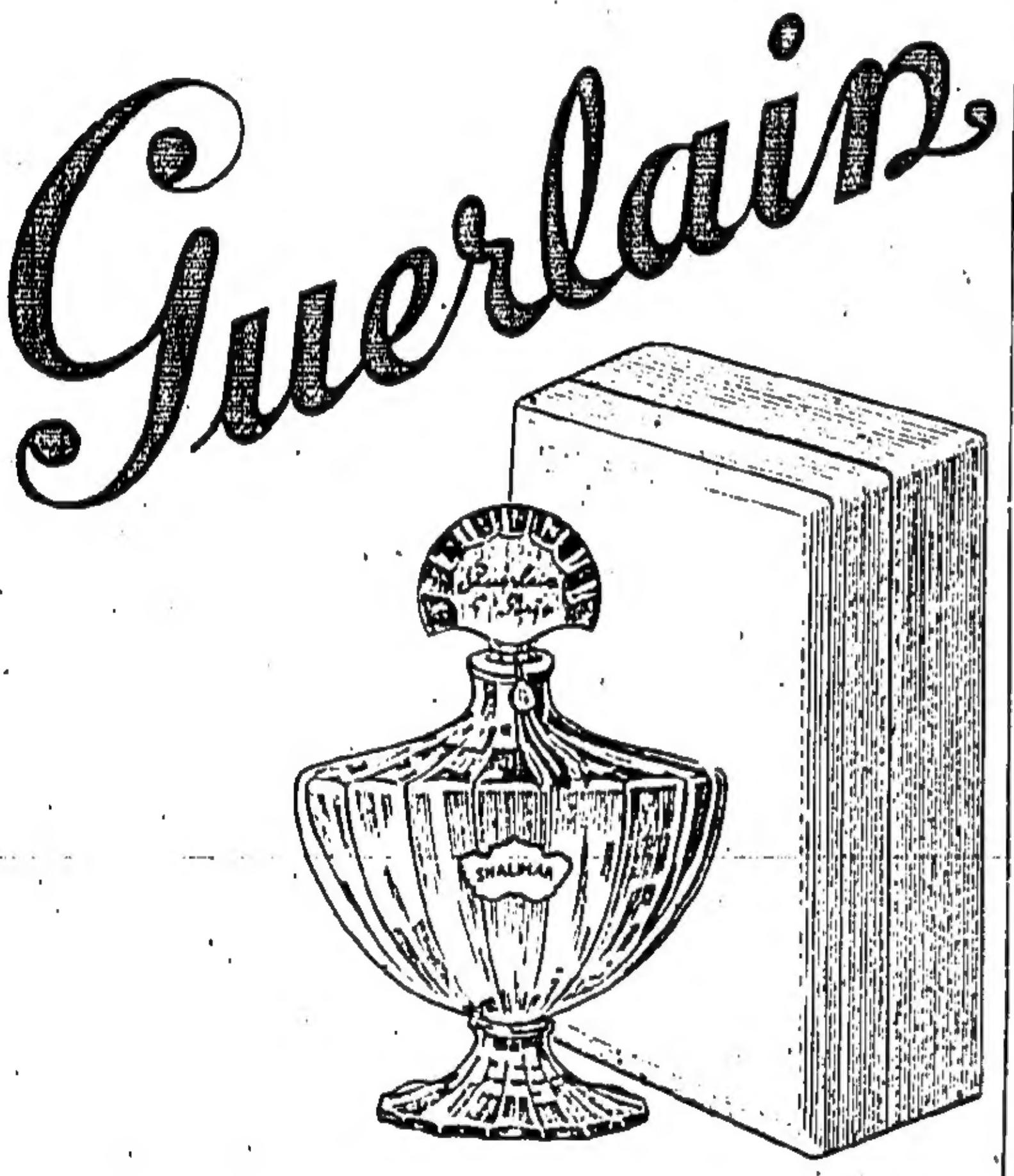
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**CANCER EXPERIMENTS PROVOKE U.S. INTEREST**

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If such should prove to be the case, they said, the answer might lie in measures that have brought smallpox and other virus-induced diseases under control.

Dr. Kinoshita, in the absence of a direct finding, declines to call the agent, known as "000 factor," a virus. However, he said an examination of the agent under the electron microscope showed black dots, slightly larger but of the same shape as some known viruses.

The cancer-causing agent, Dr. Kinoshita said at a news conference, was discovered accidentally during the war. A Nagasaki research scientist injected potassium arsenite into a rat which previously had been treated with an azo (dye) compound. The rat developed a cancer of the connecting tissue that resembled leukemia.

Fluid extracted from the rat's abdomen was found to contain malignant cells in a state of suspension. Even though diluted many times, the fluid developed huge cancer tumors within a week to 20 days when injected into other rats.

The fluid was injected into another strain of rats. Cancers developed suddenly but soon disappeared. Presumably the strain was able to develop a resistance to the agent and to "cancer."

A filtrate known as schwartzman's oil was injected into the cancer and into the blood of the cancerous rats. Tumor masses decreased in size and some disappeared. When serum from a resistant rat was mixed with the cancer-causing fluid, its malignant potency was neutralised.

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Dr. Kinoshita said initial tests to immunise rats so they could not be infected with the fluid

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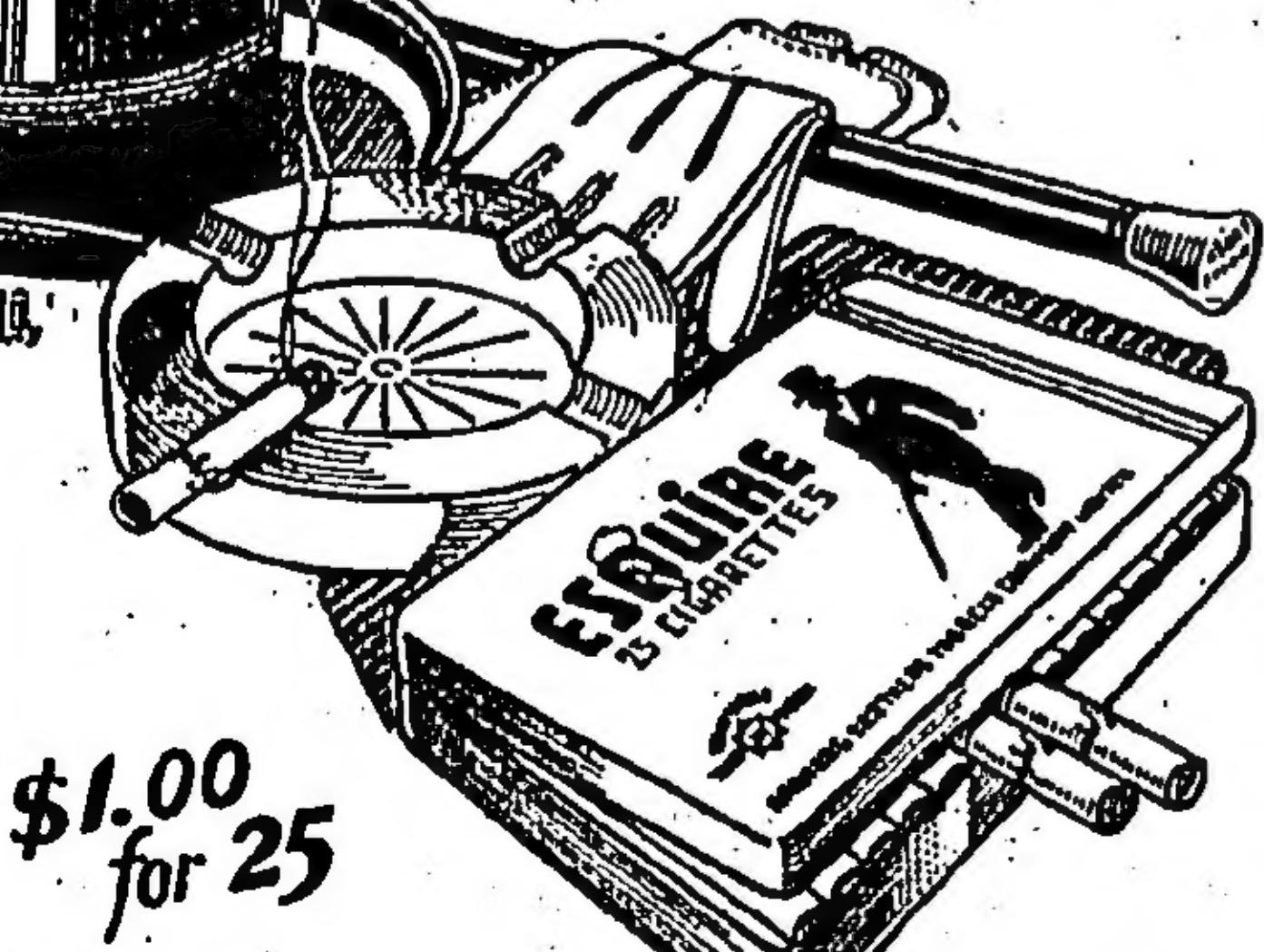
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**Search For An Honest Person**

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Commander Duncan telegraphed a Southampton newspaper today: "I am anxious to find out who that splendid person is." The registered packet contained only the wallet and its contents and a note saying: "Good luck."—Reuter.

Lincoln, December 18. Lincoln City have signed up Arthur Jepson Stoke City's reserve goal-keeper.

Jepson, who plays county cricket for Nottinghamshire, was Stoke's regular goal-keeper last season.

He was formally with Port Vale.—Reuter.

**Last Resting Place Of Ancient Films**

Singapore, December 18. This is the town where old films come to die. Crowds pack the smaller theatres to see the ghosts of long dead film stars flicker across the screen.

Among them are Tom Mix, the immortal cowboy, and John Barrymore and even such present-day Asian favourites as Sessue Hayakawa. Did you see him years ago in "Gambling Hell?" If you missed the show, it's running now in one of Singapore's back-street theatres.

Coming soon is Tom Mix in a re-run of the 20-year-old "Maverick Rider"—one of the first talkies. You won't want to miss it because it's advertised as "Tom's first serial and his greatest picture."

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ECA AWAITS OFFICIAL POLICY  
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Shanghai, December 19.

There will be no further operations on the part of the Economic Co-operation Administration in Red-dominated areas in China until the entire problem of the relations of the United States and the Chinese Communists is reviewed by the State Department and a policy-making decision is made in Washington, an ECA official told the United Press today.

Asked what the ECA policy

might be if the Chinese Reds

formally requested that work

already begun in some projects

now either wholly or partially

in Red-controlled areas be

continued, the official said:

The vessels which were sched-

uled to arrive for a five-day

visit in Singapore today will halt

at Ceylon on December 20 and at Durban, South Africa, on

January 4. They will enter the

Mediterranean on January 21 via

Suez Canal. It is expected that

the ships will remain several

weeks at Mediterranean ports.

The Navy said the vessels are

using this plan in line with the

present policy, making goodwill

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the shipboard personnel an op-

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United Press.

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NINGKAI (H. & S.) ex-Shanghai	19th
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BOURGHOFT (Wallen) ex-Atlantic Coast	Dec. 21st
LAKELAND VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	22nd
ATHUR (H. & S.) ex-United Kingdom	23rd
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BERNAYTS (Loxley) ex-United Kingdom	25th

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HAN YANG (H. & S.) ex-Singapore	Dec. 26th
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HAN YANG (H. & S.) for Swatow	Dec. 17th
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**TODAY**

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FERNHURST (Thornes) for Atlantic Coast	21st
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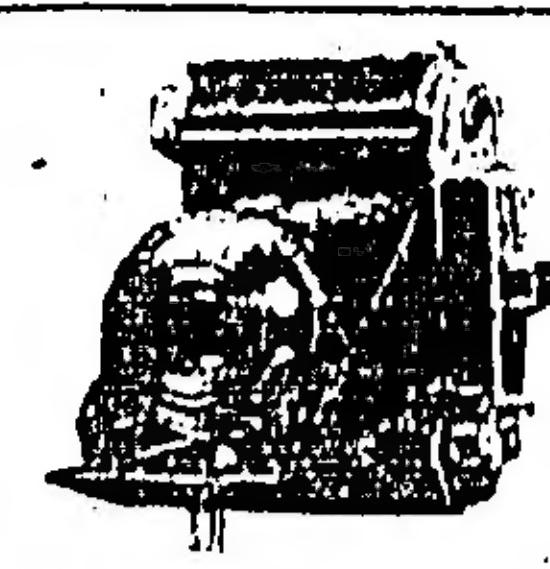
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HONG KONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1948.

## S. CHINA 'A' EDGE OUT SAINTS; NAVY BEATEN

South China "A" successfully defended their unbeaten record in the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League when they beat St. Joseph's by four goals to three at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Kwong Wah, who were at the bottom of the League when they took the field against Eastern, caused the biggest upset of the week-end, by scoring a well merited victory over their opponents, whom they beat by two clear goals at Boundary Street.

At Causeway Bay, Royal Navy went down to Chinese A.A., by one goal to nil in an exciting and cleanly contested game.

Army HK also clinched an upset in the Junior Division by defeating South China by three goals to two.

### S. China "A" 4— St. Joseph's 3

The Saints had only themselves to blame for losing this game. Playing against 10 men Ho Yung-tan was injured in the early stages of the game and, apart from later, they never made use of these opportunities.

Omari and Xavier, the wingers were totally neglected, the ball being continuously sent to Pereira at centre, who was too well watched by the Chinese defenders to be of any danger.

Lennard was undoubtedly the best player on view. Twice after time he saved the situation with his clever tackling and proved to be the mainstay of the Saint defence. He was ably supported by Hsu King-sing and Roche, the backs, especially the former, who at times was so thoroughly disengaged with the forwards that he advanced well into Chinese territory to lead with the attacks. He was responsible for one of Saint's goals.

The Chinese team played well to a man, outstanding of whom were The Kam-hung and Cheung Kam-hung.

Two minutes from the kick-off, South China were awarded a penalty after Tse was brought down heavily by Roche and Lai Chung-sang converted easily, giving Brown no chance.

Shocked by this piece of bad luck, the Saints swarmed into the service repeated to ward them off. Receiving a near-purse Fung centred for Lau to test Brown with a terrific shot which the latter pushed over the bar in grand style.

Over the other end, Gomez led by a stinger which goalkeeper Yue just managed to hold. This was followed by several weak thrusts by the Saints which were broken up before they got dangerous.

With the game 20 minutes old, Pereira was fouled by Sung inside the area and from the resultant penalty, Gomez scored, but not before the ball hit the right upright and again the left before entering the net.

The Chinese continued to press and in a scramble with Lennard, Ho Ying-fan slipped and dislocated his elbow necessitating his removal from the field for the remainder of the game.

Playing with 10 men, the Chinese continued to press and Brown was called into action repeatedly and acquitted himself well. He excelled a remarkable save when one of his defenders mistimed and the ball was heading into his own goal.

### Saints In Lead

Before long, Gomez put the Saints into the lead with a shot at close range. This same player had the misfortune a few minutes later to handle the ball and South China were awarded their second penalty, which Chu Wing-kang converted, to bring them on equal terms.

Just before the interval, Rum-jan handled the ball just outside the penalty area and St. Joseph's had the bad luck to lose two successive goals through handling.

On the resumption, the Saints attacked and Pereira was unlucky when, after some clever dribbling he sent in a fine angle shot which Yu managed to push round the upright for a corner.

South China onslaught resumed and the defenders were subjected to a grueling time. Brown was playing a faultless game between the sticks made one fatal mistake when he fumbled a ground shot from 25 yards by Cheng and the Saints were down 4-2.

Not long afterwards, The Kam-hung was off the field, but this did not stop the Chinese nine-man team, which continued to force the pace.

Play then reached fever pitch as the Saints tried to force the issue but by this time their forwards were tired out and just could not get going.

With 15 minutes to go, Castille belated and reduced the score to

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

#### FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A"	4	St. Joseph's	1
Royal Navy	0	Chinese A.A.	1
Kwong Wah	2	Eastern	0
ARMY HK	3	South China	1
Kit Chee	5	W.D. Chinese	2
Tramways	3	Tai Kok	2
Chinese A.A.	7	Solicitors'	3

#### SECOND DIVISION

Army HK	3	South China	1
Kit Chee	5	W.D. Chinese	2
Tramways	3	Tai Kok	2
Chinese A.A.	7	Solicitors'	3

#### THIRD DIVISION

W.D. Chinese	1	St. John's	1
St. John's	1	W.D. Chinese	1
W.D. Chinese	1	St. John's	1
W.D. Chinese	1	W.D. Chinese	1
W.D. Chinese	1	W.D. Chinese	1

## Leadership Changes In First Division; Newcastle On Top

London, December 18. A change of leadership in Division I of the Football League occurred today when Derby County, unbeaten in ten previous games, crashed against Manchester United, the Cup holders.

Newcastle, meanwhile, won and so took over the leadership, while Portsmouth also rose above Derby, now third, by superior goal average. This was one of the outstanding happenings of the day's programme, which also saw four second round Cup re-plays settled.

Walthamstow Avenue, the last hope of the amateur ranks, failed to survive their repartee with Oldham, but two minor surprises came with the victories of Hull and Southport, who had been held to draws when at home last week, but now won on their opponent's grounds.

A newcomer was introduced to First Division football when Albert Lyneboughardi, the 18-year-old South African, appeared in goal for Charlton. He had conceded only one goal in eight games for Charlton Reserves and played a grand game today, becoming beaten only by a surprise header during a tussle near the Charlton's goal.

Hearts, the Welsh team to leave the bottom place, and the defeats for the top two teams raised Brighton's promotion hopes. They have now played 11 games without a defeat, and their form is creditable, draw at Liverpool, where the Villa played their new £17,000 star, Powell.

Sheffield United also drew away from the relegation zone by easily winning at Blackpool.

Leadership in the other Leagues remained unaltered. West Bromwich consolidated their position in Division II, where Tottenham, unable to strike winning form away from home, faltered, and allowed

a hat-trick by Cooke.

Eastern re-shuffled their line-up in the second half in an attempt to change the fortunes of the game.

The forwards tried hard to break through the Kwong Wah defence, but were unable to do so.

The Kwong Wah players were giving a grand display and having gained a two clear lead, were determined to hold on to this advantage and to record their first win of the season.

The Eastern attacks were thrown back time and again by a resolute defence and the final whistle came with Kwong Wah worthy winners of a hard fought game.

Kwong Wah: Tom Woon-chuk, Leung Yip-keung, Leung Pak-wai, Wong Chi-wan, Leung Fook-chung, Ng Kok-kwong, Lau Tak-fok, Lau Wai-nan, Ng Yui-pun, Kwok Man-tin, Law Tak-hing.

Eastern: Leung Ting-tung, Tang Tai-chuen, Kong Shing-lai, Kai Ki-kwong, Lam Tak-pak, Lee Hung-kee, Lau Fook-chung, Wong Hak-hau, Yuen Yu-lam, Leung Wing-kwong.

### "Needle Match" Refereeing Hopeless

#### In a friendly cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to HKCC "Occasionals" by two wickets.

Going in first, KCC could only muster 96 runs. A. Stepto was in devastating form with the ball, taking five KCC wickets for 19 runs!

J. Barrow, with 38 not out, was top-scorer for KCC. Bantron was the most successful of the KCC bowlers, taking four wickets for 21 runs.

The Athletic did not let the Navy have all the say and in one raid Cheung Moon-wing centred a ball, only to see his forwards well back. Then came their goal. It was one of those goals that are scored when they are least expected.

The game, which was expected to be the best of the season, turned out to be a complete fiasco, not because the players were at fault, but because the referee's charge was hopeless in his decisions and in the handling of the game.

The decisions of the referee, it can be safely said, not only completely put the players off their game, but also disgraced and alienated the majority of spectators, Chinese and foreigners alike.

The sending off of Teo Kuan-ho, the South China right-winger, almost led to an ugly scene, particularly when certain South China officials started waving frantically to their players to leave the field. Fortunately, the players kept their heads and carried on with the game.

As it was well known that the referee between South China "A" and St. Joseph's would prove to be "needle match" he failed to understand why those in charge of the appointment of referees did not carry out the following recommendation of the Committee of Seven, which was accepted by the HKFA:

"In the appointment of referees, factors other than the ability to officiate at a game should be taken into consideration: factors such as temperament, tact, etc."

### SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS

The following are the results of yesterday's School Football games:

#### SENIOR DIVISION

Tai Kok	1	La Salle	2
E.W. Kadoorie	0	St. Joseph's	3
JUNIOR DIVISION (Kowloon)	Yau Ma Tei	La Salle	1
JUNIOR DIVISION (Hong Kong)	A.C. Chinese (AM)	Queen's	0
Govt. Kadovoorie	2	Wah Yan	2
C.A.A.: Yeo Kai-yen, Cheung Kam-pui, Li Ping-nam, Chan Pak-pui, Mow Cheung-wing, Leung Ping-sum, Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Liu Chui-ping, Lo Wah-sing, Ho Yau-lee and Cheung Moon-wing.			

#### CCC—HQFLF

A friendly cricket match between Crangeflower and H.Q. Land Forces at Happy Valley yesterday resulted in a win for Crangeflower by the narrow margin of six runs.

Crangeflower had first loss of the wicket and knocked up 153 runs, to which G. Hong Choy contributed 48 before being run out.

With 15 minutes to go, Castille belated and reduced the score to

## South African XI In Bad Position In Test

Durban, December 18.

Twelve wickets fell for only 199 runs in the first cricket Test match between South Africa and England here today, and South Africa finished in a bad position.

Collapsing against some good spin bowling on a rain-damaged wicket, England were all out for 253, but they gained a first innings' lead of 92.

South Africa, who were dismissed for 181 in their first knock, had lost four second-innings wickets for 90 and were still two runs behind when bad light stopped play 35 minutes before time. The match ends on Monday.

### Home Soccer Standings

#### First Division

P	W	D	L	Goals	R	A	Pts
Newcastle	22	12	7	3	44	20	51
Portsmouth	22	11	8	2	36	23	49
Derby Co.	22	12	8	2	24	20	48
Manchester U.	22	10	6	7	47	29	47
Stoke City	22	10	6	5	39	32	45
Charlton A.	22	8	6	5	41	37	43
Hull	22	8	6	6	29	27	41
Blackburn	22	7	6	6	34	30	40
Liverpool	22	7	6	5	25	26	39
Burnley	22	7	5	6	29	36	31
Blackpool	22	7	5	6	29	36	31
Middlesbrough	22	6	5	11	27	21	29
Sheffield U.	22	6	5	10	24	20	27
Everton	22	7	2	12	24	13	22
Preston N.E.	22	5	4	13	36	27	24
Aston Villa	22	5	4	13	31	22	24